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Extraordinary Session House Bill No. 29, enacted by the 42nd Legislative Assembly, appropriated $105,000 from the general fund to the Legislative Council for the purchase or lease of roll call and sound equipment for the House of Representatives. In accordance with this bill, the following progress is reported:

A subcommittee was appointed in April, 1971, to study the need for roll call and sound equipment in the House of Representatives and to consider the purchase or lease required. Members of the subcommittee were: Senator P. J. Keenan, Chairman; Representative Matt Himsl; Representative J. O. Asbjornson; and Representative Hershel Robbins.

Demonstrations and bids for this equipment were received from International Roll-Call Corporation, Omis Corporation and Daktronics, Inc. The general contents of these bids were as follows:

International Roll-Call Corporation,
Richmond, Virginia

Earliest installation date - December 31, 1971

Rental costs:		
Voting system	$ 32,500	
Less trade-in	-10,000	
Total		$ 22,500
Joint rental & maintenance:		
For House and Senate voting equipment every 2 years		$ 22,500
Purchase price:		
Sound system only		$ 12,500

($35,000 plus $22,500 every 2 years maintenance.)

Omis Corporation,
Chicago, Illinois

Earliest installation date - January 1, 1972

Purchase price:		
Voting and sound systems	$ 103,327	
Less trade-in	-2,327	
Sub-total	$ 101,000	
Less individual telephones in original bid	$ -7,000	
Total		$ 94,000

($94,000 plus charges for carpenters for approximately 2 days to make cut-outs on chief clerk's desk and speaker's desk; no estimate for maintenance included with figures.)

Daktronics, Inc.,
Brookings, South Dakota

Earliest installation date - November 15, 1971

Purchase price:		
Voting system	$ 67,700	
2 display boards	3,000	
Sound system	22,885	
Total		$ 93,585
Maintenance:		
Voting & sound system every 2 years		$ 1,850

($93,585 plus $1,850 for maintenance every 2 years.)

Because the Constitutional Convention was scheduled to convene on November 30, 1971, it was desirable to have the new equipment installed prior to that date.

On recommendation of the subcommittee and approved by the Legislative Council, the voting and sound systems for the House of Representatives were purchased from Daktronics, Inc., to be installed by November 15, 1971.

Final inspection and approval of the equipment were made on December 17, 1971, and final payment to Daktronics, Inc. was processed. Copies of the Operation and Maintenance Manual were delivered to the office of the Legislative Council.

On recommendation of the subcommittee and approved by the Legislative Council, remotely controlled "bill calendar" and "House convenes" displays were also ordered from Daktronics, Inc., to be installed in November, 1972. Routine maintenance on the roll call and sound equipment will also be made at that time.

A total of $250 was received for the purchase of the old equipment in the House of Representatives. This amount will revert to the general fund.

In view of the above report, the charge to the Legislative Council in Extraordinary Session House Bill No. 29 has been fulfilled.